

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A shoe insole for diabetics, having:

A sole base body;

A sole covering layer; and

a plurality of ~~cushion-like~~ cushion layers, provided over the sole surface, in the form of at least one first ~~cushion-like~~ cushion layer in the forefoot joint area, a second ~~cushion-like~~ cushion layer in the midfoot/tarsus transition area, and a third ~~cushion-like~~ cushion layer in the midfoot/heel transition area, said ~~cushion-like~~ cushion layers, serving to assist venous blood draining, are each individually divided into individual ~~plateau-like~~ plateau areas, located adjacent one another, with the top side of said ~~cushion-like~~ cushion layer, covered by said sole covering layer, and forms an approximate ~~place~~ plane with the top side of sole base body or is raised relative to the plane of the top of said sole base body, wherein: between said first ~~cushion-like~~ cushion layer in the forefoot joint area and said second ~~cushion-like~~ cushion layer in the midfoot/tarsus area, at least one depression is provided, serving to relieve the pressure on the head or heads of the metatarsal bone or bones and originating at the top of said sole base body.

15. (Previously presented) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein: one depression is provided for the second head of the metatarsal bone, and/or one depression is provided for the third head of the metatarsal bone.

16. (Previously presented) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein: one depression is provided for the first head of the metatarsal bone.

17. (Previously presented) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein: one depression is provided for the fourth head of the metatarsal bone.

18. (Currently Amended) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein: the depression for the respective head of the metatarsal bone is located approximately in alignment with the respectively associated ~~plateau-like plateau~~ area of the first ~~cushion-like cushion~~ layer.

19. (Currently Amended) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein: said second ~~cushion-like cushion~~ layer is provided with an inner field area, drawn forward in a curve toward said first ~~cushion-like cushion~~ layer and arched so as to protrude relative to the raised top side of the said sole covering layer of the other areas or fields of said second ~~cushion-like cushion~~ layer; and the drawn-forward inner field area protruding in dome fashion, is in alignment with the portions adjoining one another of the two depressions for said second and third heads of the metatarsal bones.

20. (Previously presented) The shoe insole of claim 19, wherein: the diameter of the drawn-forward and protruding inner field area is greater than the diameter of the depression for said second and for said third head of the metatarsal bone, respectively.

21. (Previously presented) The shoe insole of claim 19, wherein: the arching of the area drawn forward in a curve raises the level by approximately 2 mm.

22. (Currently Amended) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein: in the region of the heel, a fourth ~~cushion-like cushion~~ layer is provided, which is ~~plateau-like plateau~~ and preferably homogeneously oval in the transversal direction of the sole.

23. (Currently Amended) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein:  
in the region of the plantar arch, a fifth ~~cushion-like~~ cushion layer is provided of  
~~crescent-like~~ crescent shape.

24. (Currently Amended) The shoe insole of claim 23, wherein:  
said ~~cushion-like~~ cushion layer are formed by a soft foam.

25. (Previously presented) The shoe insole of claim 14, wherein:  
the shoe insole is embodied as a replaceable separately inserted insole.

26. (Previously presented) The shoe insole of claims 14, wherein:  
the shoe insole is embodied as a sole that is integrated with a shoe.